

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for routing a line through a vehicle frame tube, the apparatus comprising:  
a line including an end portion configured to protrude from a side opening through a wall of the vehicle frame tube, the end portion of the line having at an end a fitting for coupling with an external line; and

a tube extension configured to be attached to the wall of the vehicle frame tube around the side opening and to surround the end portion of the line, the tube extension being coupled with the fitting at the end of the line;

wherein the fitting comprises a freely spinning compression fitting having a female thread.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the end of the fitting line comprises a flared end coupled with the fitting.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the fitting ~~comprises a compression fitting~~ is affixed to the end of the line.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the tube extension is affixed to the fitting at the end of the line.

8. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the tube extension comprises two longitudinal tube sections which are joined together.

9. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the two longitudinal tube sections are welded together to form the tube extension and are configured to be welded to the wall of the vehicle frame tube around the side opening.

10. (currently amended) An apparatus for routing a line through a vehicle frame tube, the apparatus comprising:

a line including two end portions each configured to protrude from a side opening through a wall of the vehicle frame tube, each end portion of the line having at an end a fitting for coupling with an external line; and

a pair of tube extensions each configured to be attached to the wall of the vehicle frame tube around one of the side openings and to surround the end portion of the line, the tube extension being coupled with the fitting at the end of the line;

wherein the fitting comprises a freely spinning compression fitting having a female thread.

11. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein each fitting ~~comprises a compression fitting~~ is affixed to the end of the line.

12. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein each tube extension comprises two longitudinal tube sections which are joined together to form the tube extension and are configured to be joined to the wall of the vehicle frame tube around the side opening.

Claims 13-20. (canceled)

21. (new) An apparatus for routing a line through a vehicle frame tube, the apparatus comprising:

a line including an end portion configured to protrude from a side opening through a wall of the vehicle frame tube, the end portion of the line having at an end a fitting for coupling with an external line; and

a tube extension configured to be attached to the wall of the vehicle frame tube around the side opening and to surround the end portion of the line, the tube extension being coupled with the fitting at the end of the line;

wherein the end of the line comprises a flared end coupled with the fitting, the flared end being flared outwardly with an enlarged size to capture the fitting.

22. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the fitting comprises a male thread.

23. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the fitting comprises a female thread.

24. (new) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the fitting comprises a freely spinning compression fitting.

25. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the fitting comprises a compression fitting affixed to the end of the line.

26. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the tube extension is affixed to the fitting at the end of the line.

27. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the tube extension comprises two longitudinal tube sections which are joined together.

28. (new) The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the two longitudinal tube sections are welded together to form the tube extension and are configured to be welded to the wall of the vehicle frame tube around the side opening.

29. (new) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the end of the line comprises a flared end coupled with the fitting.

30. (new) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein each tube extension is affixed to the fitting at the end of the line.